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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS § Atty Docket: MICS:0117/MAN/LIU  
FOR A TWO-STEP RESIST SOFT  
BAKE TO PREVENT ILD  
OUTGASSING DURING  
SEMICONDUCTOR PROCESSING § 02-1051  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 14, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.